

3 Crabs Workgroup Meeting, Dungeness River Audubon Center September 14, 2006

Session Objectives:

- Update workgroup on project progress
 - Form flooding subcommittee
 - Identify water quality and habitat problems and information needs
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The group was updated on the progress of the project. Since the last meeting, two public workshops had been held:

- Brian Collins from the University of Washington speaking on historic landscape change in the Three Crabs area
- Jim Johannesen of Coastal Geologic Services speaking on nearshore dynamics.

It was agreed by the attendees that they were informative sessions and that education and outreach opportunities should continue to be scheduled in the future.

Formation of a flooding committee:

It was agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to focus on the flooding issues of Meadowbrook Creek. The Conservation District will send out information about a subcommittee meeting within the next month.

Problems-Solutions Exercise

The rest of the meeting time was spent on a Problems-Solutions exercise. The causes and solutions for the water quality issues of high temperatures, low dissolved oxygen, and fecal coliform were discussed at length. Several action items for the Conservation District came out of the discussion, including primarily the need for a stream corridor assessment to identify riparian conditions along the streams in the project area, stormwater and irrigation inputs to the streams. The importance of on-going education in the area, primarily around the issues of septic systems, was repeatedly stressed.

Summary and Planning for next meeting

The Conservation District will notify the committee of the next meeting time. The focus of the project will be on the flooding sub-committee for the next several months.